

## AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT.

If the signs of the times indicate anything, and they most assuredly do, there will set in with the early spring a strong tide of immigration toward Kansas, and especially toward southwestern Kansas, where lands are now very cheap. And too, which are as fertile and easy of cultivation as any on earth. The great wheat and corn crops of the present year have attracted world-wide attention, and the eastern farmers, tired of the clay hills of New England and the stumps of Pennsylvania, are preparing to set their faces toward the setting sun in search of some favored spot where nature has lavished with prodigality the richest of her resources.

As the word goes forth that Kansas railroads, with their thousands of miles of track and most splendid equipment, are unable to move the great corn crop of 1889 and that millions of bushels of that cereal lie piled up in the fields awaiting transportation to eastern markets, or awaiting the pleasure of the thousands of cattle and hogs which are destined to fatten in Kansas, the thought of the east-

erner turns to this great temperance commonwealth lying in the heart of the trans-Mississippi empire.

Western and southwestern Kansas therefore needs to be on the alert to take advantage of the prospective immigration of the coming spring. Special effort should be made to place and keep the resources and advantages of these sections before the world. There is great need for organized and systematic work. It must be one strong, determined effort, shoulder to shoulder for the best interests of this portion of the state, without so much regard to the special environments of any one town, township or county.

We suggest to the people of western and southwestern Kansas that at an early date a general convention be called at some centrally located town, like Great Bend, Larned, Dodge City or Garden City or such other place as may be deemed most expedient, for the purpose of talking over the situation and devising means whereby the good work may progress systematically and intelligently, to the end that western and southwestern Kansas may forge to the front and secure her portion of the good people who will come to Kansas within the next six months.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men," so there is a time in the history of states when a small amount of the right kind of work bears an abundant harvest of material prosperity. The conditions are right, the time is opportune; the iron is getting hot and it only remains for western Kansas to get herself in good position to strike.

Whoop up the convention.—Hutchinson News.

## TO THE POINT.

Read the following from the *Hugoton Herald*, which goes direct to the point on this loan company business:

"One of the most brazen attempts at downright extortion is the contracts being made by S. N. Wood and other attorneys, who, posing as friends of the poor, hoodwink them with false statements and then rob them without mercy. They propose, in consideration of one-half the land, to 'beat the mortgages.' Now, before entering on any such contract it will be well to consider the matter fully; to carefully weigh the consequences of both success and defeat. In the first place, only the mortgages that were executed prior to the receipt of final receipt have been held void. This means that in order to beat the mortgage the mortgagor must convict himself of perjury. And then, having had the mortgage declared null, judgment will be entered against you for the amount of the loan and accrued interest and costs of suit. The judgment will bear the same rate of interest that the original debt did, and is a lien on your property of every description not made exempt by statute. In accepting the proposition of these lawyers you are doing a foolish act. What would you think of a man who, trudging along the dusty highway with his all strapped on the back of a pack mule, would consent to give the mule to a man he chanced to meet as recompense for shifting the pack from the mule's back to his own? You deceive yourself if you think the perjury alluded to is a trivial matter. We have it from a reliable source that the U. S. District Attorney has given assurance that he will vigorously prosecute parties for perjury in these cases on presentation of proof warranting the institution of such criminal prosecution. The debt is an honest one and should be paid. To sum up: You give away half your land freed from incumbrance. You acknowledge yourself guilty of perjury. You lay yourself liable for prosecution for perjury, the penalty for which is imprisonment for a long term of years. You have increased the burden of your debt. You have lessened your ability to pay. You have changed the form of your obligation to one more binding, more burdensome and more exacting than the original. You have received—Nothing!"

## AMERICAN SHIPPING.

Kansas City Evening News.

There are multiplying signs that the decade beginning with 1890 is to witness the revival in a great measure of the ocean carrying trade which before the war was America's chief glory. We lately spoke of the successful termination of Mr. Stickney's efforts to secure wharfage and terminal facilities on Staten Island—efforts, which it is generally believed presage the establishment of a line of trans-Atlantic steamships flying the United States flag. The fact, too, that the Baltimore and Ohio railway has recently refused further use to the British trans-Atlantic steamship line that has been occupying them, is regarded as indicative of a purpose on the part of the road to build a fleet of ocean liners of its own. From Chicago comes the news of the establishment of a great ship-yard for building steel ships at that point, and though doubtless most of the ships there constructed will remain on the great lakes, some will not improbably pass out into salt water. There are now Clyde built vessels plying on the great lakes; there is no reason why a Chicago built steamship should not yet be seen in European waters.

It is generally believed that Hon. Geo. R. Peck will enter the race for United States senator. We are betting our loose change on Ingalls.—New City Times.

## State Agricultural Board Meeting.

TOPEKA, KAN., Dec. 16, 1889.

The annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture will convene in Representative Hall, Topeka, Kansas, on January 8th, and continue in session three days. The meeting promises to be of unusual interest, and much the largest in the history of the board.

Senator P. B. Plumb is expected to be present, and will have something to say. Gov. Humphrey will deliver an address; also, President George T. Fairchild, ex-Governor Glick, and others.

Dr. D. E. Salmon, Chief of Bureau of Animal Industry, Washington, D. C., will be present, and give an address on "Hog Cholera; Its Prevention and Remedy." Also parties from Kansas, who claim they actually have an infallible remedy for hog cholera.

Col. Tweeddale of Topeka, will give his theory of irrigation—the most original, comprehensive and practical yet given to the public.

Representatives of both the diffusion and roasting process of sugar-making will be present, and the sugar industry will be thoroughly ventilated and its true status made known.

"The Alliance" and other organizations in the farmers' interest will be represented, and the advantage of thorough organization of farmers will be ably presented and fully discussed. Besides, a wide range of interesting topics, agricultural and horticultural, will be presented by live, practical farmers from every section of the state.

In addition to the meeting of the board of agriculture, the Dairymen's Association, the stockmen's convention, and the Swine Breeder's Association all meet the same week, commencing January 7th.

Programmes will be out for distribution, and sent to delegates and others, two weeks before the meeting. Reduced railroad rates will be secured and published on programme.

All farmers who desire to keep abreast of the times should be present at the meeting; and the time has come when farmers' wives should participate in these exercises, constituting as they do, an important factor in farm operations.

M. MOHLER, Secretary.

Next to the press of Kansas, the State Board of Agriculture has contributed more to the development and prosperity of Kansas than any other agency. Its officers and members have been untiring in their work for the advancement of the agricultural interests of the state, and they have a right to expect, and should receive the cordial endorsement of the people. It is earnestly hoped that the January meeting will be attended by representative farmers from every county in Kansas.

## Belle Items.

Miss Lizzie Hughes is stopping in Dodge City at present.

Several of our people are employed on the Rock Island works in Dodge.

Ben Dunkleberger gave a farewell hop to his numerous friends Thursday evening, last week.

Bud Shemella has killed two coyotes. He has some bound pups that are great.

H. J. Coy is hauling corn from below Spearville.

Big preparations are being made for a grand entertainment at the Quail Trap, Christmas.

An old fashioned house raising was held at Mr. Golden's on Wednesday last. The neighbors turned out and built him a new sod house.

Jack Tillis having succeeded in catching an auburn haired girl, wants to trade for a white horse.

Hugh Lockman and Ben. Dunkleberger start for Missouri this week.

Don't forget the Christmas tree at Bell Center.

Hiram Gilbert, the school teacher at Twin Hills, is boarding with Mr. Merrill, near the school house.

On Monday of last week Mr. Jimmie James killed three fat porkers and left them out to cool. During the night the greater part of one walked away. The balance were perfectly cool.

Bert Merrill started for Gray county last week, on a school furniture deal.

J. H. Mullendore claims to have struck a twenty-eight inch vein of coal. This is to be taken with a grain of allowance.

In speaking of the herd law, Mr. Zerbe says he is not in favor of monopolies.

Now as soon as this law carried Frederickson & Co. charged us \$50.00 per section for their land for grazing purposes.

With free range no farmer wants to fence a quarter section, but about twenty acres. Probably one cause of Mr. Zerbe's zeal is a herd law protects a man's crops while he takes a trip to Arkansas via Hodgeman county. It now costs as much to herd ten head of stock one season as it would to fence twenty-five acres for farming purposes. The farmers are not making laws to protect Arkansas citizens' interests. Quoting his own words, "the sooner we get rid of such a selfish and unreasonable class of citizens the better." He says free range would cause more law suits than all the cattle in the county were worth. I would cite him to the Maxwell-Metcalf suit just ended in Dodge. Now every section man in Dodge and Spearville signed the herd law petition, the farmers did not do it. A herd law has compelled the farmers to reduce their herds and has driven more capital out of our county than anything else. This is a cattle country until irrigation is a success. Mr. Zerbe is probably in favor of resubmission as the savior of our county, but I say down with the herd law.

TRAVELER.

There is one tribute to Jefferson Davis' memory to which no Northerner will object to subscribe. *The Army and Navy Journal* says that Mr. Davis' services as President of the Southern Confederacy were most valuable to the Union cause.

## School Report.

The following are the names of pupils neither absent nor tardy during the four months taught:

HIGH SCHOOL—William Jackson.

## SECOND WARD.

Fourth Grade—Lottie Judd, Stella Freeman, John Nelson, Forest Rose.

Third Grade—Lizzie Lentz, Jessie Baker, Richard Froman.

Second Grade—Myrtle Rose.

First Grade—Etta Bader, Clara Bader.

## THIRD WARD.

First Grade—Lillian Jones, Alice Geadeson, Clarence Rankin.

Third Grade—Mason Burns, Aubie Bush.

Neither absent nor tardy during the fourth month, December:

## HIGH SCHOOL.

William Jackson, George Stumph, Don Rapp, Clara Crawford, Clay Crawford, George States.

## SECOND WARD.

Fourth Grade—Emma Bader, Anna Bader, Stella Freeman, Lottie Judd, Gertrude Kelsey, Ida Melton, Etta Nelson, Emma Nelson, Anna Martin, Nellie Smith, Eda Mills, John Nelson, Arthur Rapp, Beverly Polly, Forrest Rose, Robbie Rhodes, Charles Phillips.

Third Grade—Allie Smith, Eddie Coke, Robbie Brown, Jesse Brown, Richard Froman, Gertrude Jordan, Grace Rose, Allie Milton, Ida Behl, Annie Ottis, Lizzie Lentz, Emma Behl, Alice Shaw.

Second Grade—Walter Straeter, Dick Evans, Eddie Craig, Amanda Summers, Myrtle Rose, Alice Phillips, Abbie Summers, Alice Stubbs, Ethel Norvell.

First Grade—Ralph Miller, Freddie Straeter, Willie Miller, Herman Froman, Otto Straeter, Joe Crompton, Edward Stubbs, Frank Hakala, Bennie George, Welby Rice, Calvin Craig, Willie Greer, Lottie Stubbs, Lena Kruger, Etta Clara Bader, Louisa Stubbs, Fannie Boswick, Mabel Tate, Parnie Crompton, Ola George, Nellie Norvell.

## THIRD WARD.

Fourth Grade—Eddie Baird, Sallie Cowen, Berta McDowell, Fred Bester, Milton Burns.

Third Grade—Aubie Bush, Milton Burns.

Second Grade—Dilly Baird, Fred Chapman, Hermann Dickerson, Waldo Tarbox, Clara Geadeson, Edna Hudson, Maud Heinz.

First Grade—Louie Smith, Jimmie Saunders, Frank Osborne, Henry Osborne, Clarence Rankin, Charley Hudson, Henry Smith, Lillian Jones, Alice Geadeson.

Intelligence comes from Mexico that the municipal head of an interior town has proclaimed that since the new railroad is finished and strangers are likely to visit the place, the male inhabitants are commanded to wear breeches! No wonder the untrammelled Mexican feels that the importation of United States customs is interfering with his dearest liberties.

Kirwin Chief: Cattle are still dying from being turned into stalk fields.

—A Conscientious Official: Lone passenger on last cable car out for the night—"Conductor, as I am the only man aboard, and as I am going to Sixty-third street, I don't see any need of your calling out the names of all these streets." Conductor (stiffly)—"Young man, I'm paid to call out these names and I'm going to earn my salary. If you don't like it you can get off. Thirty-fourth!"—Chicago Tribune.

—A letter which read as follows was received the other day by the mayor of Dallas, Texas: "Sir:—I have been in this city a few days. Am a carpenter and would like to get some work and at same time would like to marry. As I am a stranger, I beg you would assist me in getting a wife. I have about three hundred dollars laid up; am not particular as to looks, so she knows how to work. Am a Democrat in politics."

—A lady, who, though in the autumn of life, has not lost all dreams of its spring, said to Jerrold, "I can not imagine what makes my hair turn gray. I sometimes fancy it must be the essence of rosemary, with which my maid has been in the habit of brushing it with. What think you?" "I should be afraid, madame," said the distinguished dramatist, dryly, "that it is the essence of thyme."

—Oakland, Md., rejoices in the possession of a dusky citizen who can not read, but that lack does not prevent him from poring over the newspapers and imagining that he is absorbing information through his fingertips. Not long ago some official had occasion to record his name, when the following colloquy ensued: "What is your name?" George Newton Sandomire, Sah."

"How do you spell it?" "Spell it! Don't spell it at all, Sah. I just writes it right down."

## PUBLICATION SUMMONS.

The State of Kansas to A. D. Thayer, greeting:

You are hereby notified that you have been sued by W. F. Dean in the district court of Kansas in and for the county of Ford, and that unless you answer or otherwise plead to the petition filed in said court by said W. F. Dean, on or before the 4th day of February, 1890, said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you accordingly, for forty-one and ninety-five one hundredths dollars, together with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the 15th day of April, 1889, and the further sum of \$10.50 with six per cent. interest thereon from the 15th day of November, 1889, with costs of suit, for and upon an account for goods and supplies sold and delivered, and for the sale of attached property to pay the debt. Witness my hand and the seal of said court, which I have affixed at my office in said county this 20th day of December, 1889.

[REAL.] THOMAS LAHEY, Clerk.

FITZGERALD & MOVITT, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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## PUBLICATION SUMMONS.

The State of Kansas to E. H. Benham, greeting:

You are hereby notified that you, together with Michael S. Smith, have been sued by The Pioneer Loan and Trust Company, in the district court of Kansas, in and for the county of Ford, and that unless you answer or otherwise plead to the petition filed in said court by said The Pioneer Loan and Trust Company as plaintiff, on or before the 22d day of January, 1890, said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered against you accordingly, for the following described real property, in Ford county, Kansas, to-wit: the north one-half of the southwest quarter of section ten (10), in township twenty-eight (28) south, of range twenty-three (23) west of the 6th principal meridian, and for the sale of said real property, without appraisal, to pay the debt, to-wit, five promissory notes for \$150 each, secured by said mortgage, with interest and costs. Witness my hand and seal of said court, which I have affixed at my office in said county, this 24th day of December, 1889.

[REAL.] THOS. LAHEY, Clerk.

FITZGERALD & MOVITT, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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